



Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Management

Te Rākau Whakamarumarū

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Official Information Act request relating to the presence of FEMA and Raytheon in Taranaki and earthquake planning in the region

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 1 June 2018. You requested:

"Please provide me with information regarding the presence of FEMA and Raytheon located or operating in Taranaki currently.

Please advise if any Ministry of the New Zealand government is currently preparing for an Earthquake in Taranaki, and if yes, please advise which agencies and which individuals are acting on this expectation?"

In response to your first query, and after checking against our records, we are not aware of any United States Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or Raytheon operational presence in Taranaki. Therefore, I am declining the first part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the requested information *"does not exist, or despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found"*.

As to your second query, all of New Zealand is at risk of earthquakes but we cannot predict when one will happen. This is why the Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Management's public education campaign reinforces the need for everyone to be prepared for emergencies and to know the right action to take.


The impacts of most emergencies, including earthquakes, are localised to regions or districts. Civil Defence Emergency Management Groups and each of their member local authorities are responsible for providing for the planning, organisation, coordination, and implementation of comprehensive civil defence emergency management within their group and respective local authority areas.

The Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group is responsible for delivering civil defence emergency management within the Taranaki region.

This response will be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released quarterly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely


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